

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION

April 11, 2005

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Examiners in Nursing Home Administration was called to order by the Chairperson, David Creal at 1:03 p.m., at the State Office Building, Lower Level Conference Room D, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed to the Board Members, and other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Law. The following members answered the roll call:

Members

David Creal
Paul Plessman, M.D.
Cheryl Bliefernich
Selma Brown
Keith Fickenscher
Merle Henkenius
Claire L'Archevesque

Board Representation

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson, Licensed Physician Member
- Registered Nurse Member
- Non-Profit Home Member
- Non-Profit Home Member
- Public Member
- Public Member

Absent:

Theresa Parker
Sharon Colling
(Vacant Position)

- Secretary, College Faculty Member
- Proprietary Member
- Health & Human Services Representative

Other(s) Present

Brad Shaff
Kris Chiles
Ruth Schuldt

Agency Representation

Assistant Attorney General
Section Administrator, Credentialing Division
Compliance Monitor, Credentialing Division

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

◆ **Motion:** Brown moved, seconded by Plessman to adopt the agenda as mailed. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bliefernich, Brown, Fickenscher, Henkenius, L'Archevesque, Plessman, Creal (7). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Colling, Parker, HHS Rep (3). Motion Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

◆ **Motion:** Bliefernich moved, seconded by Fickenscher to approve the October 19, 2004, and January 18, 2005, minutes as submitted. A voice vote was taken. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bliefernich, Brown, Fickenscher, Henkenius, L'Archevesque, Plessman, Creal (7). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Colling, Parker, HHS Rep (3). Motion Carried

4. INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION – CLOSED SESSION

◆ **Motion:** Brown moved, seconded by Bliefernich, to enter into closed session at 1:05 p.m. to hear discussions of investigative reports, and for the needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bliefernich, Brown, Fickenscher, Henkenius, L'Archevesque, Plessman, Creal

(7). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Colling, Parker, HHS Rep (3). Motion Carried

1:10 p.m. – Creal departed meeting – conflict of interest

1:10 p.m. – Schuldt departed meeting

1:32 p.m. – Colling entered meeting

◆ **Motion:** Fickenscher moved, seconded by Henkenius, to reconvene to open session at 1:55 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bliefernich, Brown, Colling, Fickenscher, Henkenius, L'Archevesque, Plessman, Creal (8). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Parker, HHS Rep (2). Motion Carried

1:55 p.m. – Creal entered meeting

1: 56 p.m. – Brendon Polt, Nebraska Health Care Association, Assistant. Executive Director entered meeting.

5. APPLICATION REVIEW

No applications were presented for review.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. OTHER

No other unfinished business was discussed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Legislative Update – LB 246

Creal announced that LB 246 passed. The bill will become law in September, 2005 or 90 days after the session ends. Rules and Regulations will have to be developed on how to administer the regulations for persons who wish to oversee more than one facility or to act in the dual role of administrator and department head.

Chiles will set up a time for the meeting within the next two weeks.

b. Regulation Issues/updates

No other regulation issue/updates to discuss.

c. National Association of Boards (NAB)

Chiles stated the Annual NAB meeting is at Boston, Massachusetts, on July 15-17, 2005. This meeting will consist of working committees. Registration fee to attend is \$340.00 and one Board member can attend free with one paid fee.

◆ **Motion:** Plessman moved, seconded by Fickenscher to pay the registration fee for Creal and Parker to attend the Annual NAB meeting in Boston, MA on July 15-17, 2005. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bliefernich, Brown, Colling, Fickenscher, Henkenius, L'Archevesque, Plessman (7). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Parker, HHS Rep (2). Abstain: Creal (1) Motion Carried.

d. All Health Care Related Board Members Meeting – 6-10-05

Creal reminded the Board that the All Health Care Related Board Members Meeting is June 10, 2005, at Mahoney State Park.

Chiles stated the meeting will be totally focused on the re-write of the Uniform Licensing Law.

e. Other

Chiles reported the examination statistics since the October 19, 2004, meeting. Nine (9) applicants have taken the NAB Examination; 7 received passing scores and 2 received failing scores. Document attached to these minutes.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board in Nursing Home Administration adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Parker, Secretary
Board of Examiners in Nursing Home Administration

Tape Recorded by: Kris Chiles, Section Administrator
Summarized by: Rita Watson, Credentialing Specialist
Credentialing Division

➡ **Next Meeting scheduled for: July 19, 2005**